

**WORK SESSION**  
**February 10, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Washington, Georgia, held their regular monthly Work Session on Monday, February 10, 2020, beginning at 5:30 PM at the Edward B. Pope Conference Center. Mayor William deGolian presided.

Present were Mayor deGolian and Council members Armour, Cullars, Denard, Mahoney and Wagner. Also present were Interim City Administrator Cody, City Clerk Evans and City Attorney Nelson. Absent Council member Hill was attending newly-elected official training in Tifton.

Visitors included: Betsy Wagner, Blake Thompson, Sim Dill, Judy Anderson, Roxann Cobb, A'niqua Acree, Kentavious Starks, Tyreako Bailey, C. Carol Cartlege, Loretta Fanning, Jan Anderson, Ann Tanner, Patsy Winn, B.J deGolian, Qunesiah Cade, Travis Armour, Martha Read, G. Boyd, Nancy Farris, Frank Fulbright, Amethyst D. Wynn, M.V. Booker, Vivian W. Walker, Ellie Nicholson, Newton Gunter, Pam Gunter, Andy Anderson, Chase Anderson, Clara Sutton, John Griffin, Linda Anderson, Troy Anderson, Betty Hamilton, Annie "Pie" Wilkinson, and Sparky Newsome of the News Reporter.

Discussion of adding Alvin Jones to the Washington Housing Authority Committee was tabled until further research.

Council member Cullars passed out literature explaining the Harold F. Holtz Municipal Training Institute. Council member Cullars requested a discussion to amend Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Washington - (Compensation of Mayor and Council): to provide additional compensation to Mayor and Council who complete 204 and 276 certification hours from the Georgia Municipal Association; and to remove the "one necessary trip or training per year.", limitation on training for elected officials. Interim Cody and Council member Wagner agreed that training is needed and compensation of council members is behind cities of comparable size. Mayor deGolian asked Interim Cody to research and report back at next meeting of council.

Council member Mahoney suggested a Teen Summit should be brought to the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor deGolian advised Council member Money to reach out to the Boys and Girls Club.

Main Street Director, Janet Parker made a report to council. She described the city's new designation as a Rural zone. Washington is one of only twenty –five included in the rural zone. The designated are is basically the downtown area and offers tax credits for specific types of development.

ADJOURNMENT: Work Session adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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